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LIFE

Love Grams are here!

Look on the back for words from that special someone in your life.

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SPORTS

Men's baseball drops two to Ga. Tech

After losing 15-3 Saturday, the Eagles dropped a close 7-6 decision on Sunday.

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Ribbon cutting officially opens new art studios

By Tamara McKenzie
Staff Writer

The newly built Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art, Ceramics and Sculpture studios officially opened its doors last Thursday, as students, faculty and staff gathered anxiously to observe the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new structure on Forest and Akins Boulevard.

Art Department Chair Richard Tichich, Acting Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences Jeff Buller, and Professor of Art in ceramics Jane Pleak, all clipped the ribbon, placed just beyond the studios entrance to mark its opening.

Tichich called the relocation of these studios, "a vision that slowly became a reality over the past twenty years."

GSU President Bruce Grube said that "the new ceramics and sculpture studio will give Georgia Southern art students and faculty a step up to the next level," mentioning that the new studios will be the envy of the state, as it is presently the best "state of the art" student facility in Georgia.

"It took a lot of talent, commitment and experience from faculty and students in the art department to see this building become a reality," Grube said.

As the previous studios were located on the fourth floor of the Betty Foy Sanders Art Department, Tichich said that "what drove its movement to another building, aside from a growth in the art program, was inadequate facilities. It just did not make sense to have a sculpture program growing on the fourth floor of the art building, with only a passage elevator that led to the studios. Sculptures made had to be small enough to be placed on the elevator, and moving them around was a problem," Tichich said.

With the construction of the new facilities, space is not a problem, as the new ceramic and sculpture studios house some seven different rooms in ceramics, hand built sculptures, wheel thrown ceramics, and gas and electric kilns. The sculpture section of the building has large areas for black-smithing, bronze and aluminum casting, fabrication welding, wood work and stone carving.

The studio began housing its three-dimensional design and sculpture classes this fall, while movement of ceramic and sculpture materials from Foy is still taking place.



Lindsay Wise

A NEW ERA BEGINS: A ribbon cutting ceremony opens the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art, Ceramics and Sculpture studios on Thursday.

"Foy had a lot of sentimental value, and it took a while to break in the new building," Pleak said. "Its huge and much bigger and better than what I expected."

Aside from having more space to work, Leslie Neville, a junior art major, says that she did not expect all the new equipment made available for the art students.

"Here in ceramics, we have new clay mixtures and wheels," Neville said. "I am really satisfied with the end result of the building and that we now have somewhere spacious to work."

Classes offered in sculpture and ceramics are both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. According to Tichich, the construction of these new studios is only the beginning of a series of advancements in the art department.

"We are constantly trying to increase the quality of the program, and it is projected that over the next few years, the art department will be making further improvements," Tichich said.

"We will relocate the entire art department to the Marvin Pittman gym, and our gallery 303, which houses professional and student art work, will be next to the gym. Like the ceramic and sculpture studios, the movement of the art department and gallery 303 will give both students of GSU and the Statesboro community the opportunity to see contemporary artwork they may not be able to view elsewhere."

Prairie View A&M tries to cope with tragedy

Knight-Ridder Tribune

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas — The roses at Blackshear Stadium told a different story on Saturday from the typical routine of sunny skies, students milling about campus and music blaring from a few cars at Prairie View A&M University. A young woman did stretching exercises on the track. At the finish line, 100 meters down the track lay a line of roses, a reminder of the tragedy that has pulled together this school of 6,000 students.

"It's very somber, the campus is

dead," accounting major Zachary Magoti said. "People are in sorrow. As a family, we will come together and stick together. I believe it is the Lord's will that will pull us through."

On Thursday, four track athletes were killed when their van rolled over on Texas Highway 43 near the Texas-Louisiana border. Delilah Battle, a 19-year-old freshman track athlete from UT-Arlington, who was visiting her brother, was working out on the track Saturday.

"It hit real close to home," said Battle, who expressed difficulty about

working out. "When you run track, it's like everybody is a family. We are like brothers and sisters. I'll tell you, if not for the accident they would be here right now."

Instead, three students died at the scene of the accident and another died while being transported to LSU Hospital. In all, six people were injured, including longtime track coach Hoover Wright.

"It's never going to be business as usual," university Vice President Larry Raab said. "There will be a living memory of who those young men are.

They are the best of this university."

The campus received some good news Saturday when three survivors of the crash were released from the hospital. David Arterbery of Waskom, Trenton Harris of Bloomburg and Lamar Adams of Vallejo, Calif., were sent home from Marshall Memorial Hospital. Left is coach Wright, Rashad Shelton of Raywood and Lewis Edmonson of Caldwell. All three are in serious condition, according to university officials.

All across the campus, reminders

of this horrible accident are highly visible. Red ribbons are tied to several trees inside the heart of the campus, all the flags at the university's entrance are at half-mast. A grocery store outside the school has a sign that says, "Panthers. Be strong for our brothers."

In front of the William "Billy" J. Nicks Arena, roses, wreaths and sheets of paper with poems on it are positioned in front of the building. In the late afternoon, mourners were still coming to the campus to lay flowers in front.

The proposal was then voted on, and it was rejected by a vote of 19-14.

Although GSU included a fall break in 1998 and 1999, fall breaks were not a tradition. Prior to 1998 the university was on the quarter system and no breaks were needed because school started later in the fall. Registrar Mike Deal said GSU is one of the few places that have used the fall break. "Some schools have taken a whole week off for Thanksgiving, but fall breaks are not a very prevalent thing," Deal said.

Blind Willie's opens under new ownership

By Danielle Otting
Staff Writer

After being closed last year for failure to pay state sales taxes, Blind Willie's is back in business under new ownership.

The new owner, Jennifer Cochran, who is a GSU student, said she decided to reopen the bar with the help of her parents because she used to have a lot of fun at the Old Blind Willie's and was disappointed when it closed.

Cochran said she thinks the atmosphere is pretty much the same with the advantage of being a lot cleaner, having a kitchen and serving liquor, along with beer.

"We've had a pretty good turn out since we opened and I think everyone is having a good time," she said.

Blind Willie's has a variety of things to entertain their customers. Playing pool is popular with many who come to hang out.

Along with a dance floor and good music, there is no other place that Nicole Pinkerton said she would want to be.

"It's a fun place to hang out," Pinkerton, a GSU student said.



Luke Renfro

OPEN AGAIN: Blind Willie's plans to offer the same kind of entertainment past customers would remember.

Blind Willie's opens at 7 p.m. every night except Sunday. Throughout the week a variety of specials are offered.

Monday is \$1 cover with free pool, Tuesday is \$1.50 imports, Wednesdays will alternate between Swing Night and the Monopoly Brothers (a hip-hop/rap group) and Thursday you can enjoy 75 cent pitchers.

The bar is located on Old Register Road next to Legends.

SGA Update

By Logan Thomas
Staff Writer

Last week's SGA meeting announced the tentative theme for this year's elections calling it "SGA 2000-step up to the challenge."

The plan for the elections would be to have every organization that is interested perform a two minute step show, cheer, or skit to promote students to vote and not to promote a candidate.

The events are tentatively set to take place under the Rotunda at Russell Union. SGA hopes the new theme would increase voter turnout for the upcoming election.

The following is a synopsis of the SGA meeting on February 9, 2000:

• Executive officers will be

traveling to Texas for the Conference On Student Government Association (COSGA) on February 26. The conference will have several speakers and other events as schools from around the country attend.

• Fund requests for \$750 were granted to the dance organization Queens, Alumni Council and the Student Council for Exceptional Children. The request from the Technology Education Collegiate Association for the \$750 was reduced to \$500.

The Community Service committee will be holding a field day at a local elementary school sometime in April. The committee will also organize a basketball tournament during the after school program at a local school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do at GSU Ongoing

•Donations are being accepted from any GSU organization for the **United States Student Fund**. Call the SGA office at 681-0655 for more information.

•**Free Tutoring** in several subjects: English, history, sociology and psychology, all maths, chemistry, biology, and college reading/study skills. Each subject has different hours of operation. Call 681-0321 for more information.

•**RIF Readers** are needed at Mattie Lively Elementary School on February 15 through 17. Call Dana Cork at 764-3793 to volunteer.

•**NAACP** meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2047.

•**BSU** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 401 Chandler Rd. across from Johnson Hall. BSU also has lunch every Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m.

Today

•**Statesboro-Gorgia Southern Symphony** Masterworks II Concert at 8 p.m. in the Foy Fine Arts Building.

•**The Spanish Club** is having a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. under the Rotunda to benefit the victims of the Venezuelan floods. **February 15 - 23**

•Meet the contestants of the **Ms. African American Pageant** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. under the Rotunda. **February 16 & 17**

•**Gamma Phi Eta Fraternity Inc.** is having an information session at 7 p.m. in the Henderson Library Room 3010. **February 17**

•**Eagle Cinema** presents "The Bachelor" at 8 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater.

•**Eliminating Major Sentence Errors** by Hubert Pulley at 4 p.m. in the Library Room 1042. **February 18**

•**Eagle Cinema** presents "The Bachelor" at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater. **February 19**

•**GSU Botanical Garden** presents "Ikebana" at 10 a.m. at the Garden, 1505 Bland Ave.

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POLICE BEAT

Statesboro Police Department February 12

•Shana Bodie, 22, of 105 Hawthorne Rd., was charged with driving on suspended license and obedience to traffic control device.

•David Hatch, of Maderia Ct., reported criminal trespass. **February 11**

•Patrick Afeku, 18, of 3203 Cloverhurst Dr., East Point, Ga., was charged with loitering/disorderly conduct.

•James Abraham, 18, of 1212 Blount Ave., Augusta, Ga., was charged with loitering/disorderly conduct.

•Demetria Harris, 18, of 2210 Mosley St., Savannah, Ga., was charged with loitering and underage possession of alcohol.

•Kevin Thomas, 19, of 4521 Kings Point, was charged with loitering/

disorderly conduct.

•Jamar Durden, 19, of 2251 Johnson Hall, was charged with loitering.

•Margaret Joyner, 19, of 315 Pine St., Bloomingdale, Ga., was charged with disorderly conduct.

•Lawrence Dessommes, of Mabley Dr., reported forgery.

•Kavena Artis, of Stadium Club Apts., reported criminal trespass and simple battery.

•An employee at Dingus Magees reported counterfeit money. **GSU Department of Public Safety February 11**

•Charles Wright, 33, of 3815 Twin Forks Rd. was charged with DUI, driving on a suspended license, and stop sign violation.

•A fight was reported at Johnson Hall. **February 10**

•A Cone Hall resident reported receiving

harassing phone calls.

•A Johnson Hall resident reported someone let the air out of his tires in the Johnson Hall parking lot.

•A Brannen Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

•Jennifer Scherer reported her keys were taken from the Winburn Hall computer lab.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every issue of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount, nature and location of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained from the GSU Division of Public Safety or at the Statesboro Police Department.

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ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Oregon

Spilled eels coat roadway

The Associated Press

COOS BAY—Two barrels of live eels fell off a truck, making a mess in downtown Coos Bay on Wednesday evening. "They covered about 50 feet of roadway," said Coos Bay police dispatcher Daphne Layton. Fortunately, the road wasn't busy, she said.

The eels were about a foot in length, "and they didn't smell very good," she said. It wasn't known what kind of eels they were, or where they'd been caught, but she said they were bound for a processing plant and shipping overseas.

It took the truck driver and officers more than an hour to get them back into the barrels.

"It was my first eel call," Layton said. "Actually, I think it was everybody's first eel call."

2 New Jersey

Pig, on way to slaughter, jumps out of moving truck

The Associated Press

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP—This swine had one huge survival instinct.

A pig on his way to slaughter leapt out of a moving truck on a country road Tuesday, covering himself with bloody scrapes but escaping the butcher's cleaver.

"We don't want him to go to the slaughterhouse," said Erno Hollo, the veterinarian who treated the pig. "He's too cute for that."

Two police officers found the rusty-brown, 280-pound porker walking along the side of the road. A woman had called police and said she saw the pig dive out of a truck full of other swine.

The pig, named Valentine by staff at the Basking Ridge Animal Hospital, is an 8-month-old neutered Duroc, which can grow to more than 500 pounds. He dined on apples, bagels, muffins and dog food Wednesday while hospital officials tried to find him a home.

By Thursday, a children's petting zoo in Newton had come forward to offer to take him in. No farmer had come forward to demand his pig back, said the hospital's office manager, Debbie Herot.

Barbara Barker, secretary to the North American Potbellied Pig Association, said farm pigs like the Duroc are also kept as pets and have a high level intelligence.

"Oh, absolutely that pig knew he was going to the slaughterhouse," Barker said. "He probably busted out of the truck. No question. He's probably only sorry he couldn't get the rest of them busted out."

3 Washington

Employees relieve tension by popping off spuds

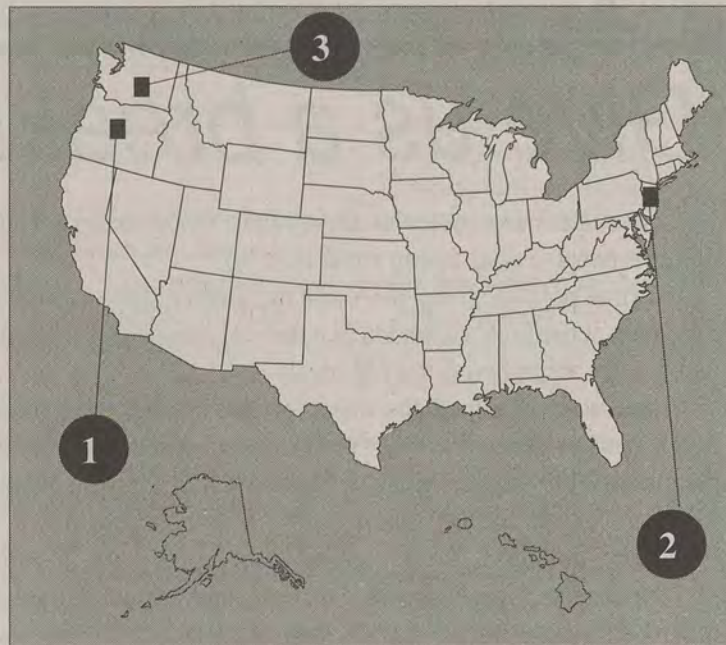
The Associated Press

SEATTLE—A gun is pointed at a co-worker. A hand squeezes.

Pop!

A pellet of raw potato whizzes and bounces off the target's blouse. The pellet is about the diameter of a grease-pencil lead - and, thankfully, leaves less obvious stains.

The potato gun is standard issue at Parker LePla, a Seattle company that does copywriting, brand development and public relations. It's an



intense business, with lots of deadlines. Now that a third of its clients are dot-coms, the deadlines are even worse than before.

Every once in a while, you just have to pop off a round. At Parker LePla, they do it with the plastic pistol, bought for \$2.95 each at Archie McPhee. Just poke the barrel end into a handy tuber "more than 300 shots from one potato" aim, and fire.

Pop! pop! pop!

The employees are showing off. Chaos reigns. Potato cores litter the concrete floor.

"Believe it or not, we work hard," co-owner Joe LePla says. He doesn't look as if he works hard: He is not wearing a necktie. "Our clients started telling us not to wear them," he says. "It hurts our credibility."

What clients are these? The dot-coms. Dot-com entrepreneurs don't expect creative people to come throttled with neckties. Of course, some clients expect that.

"We've been known to keep another set of clothes in the closet," says Lisa Samuelson, director.

They do have their serious side. LePla, 44, and partner Lynn Parker,

43, have written a 300-page book, "Integrated Branding: Becoming Brand-Driven Through Companywide Action" (Quorum Books, 1999). It is full of serious things.

Pop!

Recruitment is a serious thing in such a company. Sort of. One of this company's most recent hires, Josh Cooley, 24, was a meter reader for Puget Sound Energy. He came to the office "in my uniform, and everything," to check on its consumption of natural gas. He asked what they did there. When they said, "marketing communications," he asked them if they were hiring; he had been a communications major at Central Washington University.

They took him on as an intern, and recently made him permanent.

He explained this, and went back to the starch wars.

Pop!

The main office of Parker LePla is one big room, a space that used to be a testing laboratory. When they took it over, they kept the metal desks, and now buy them from a lab-supply company.

Radio station pulls plug on marry-a-stranger promo

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va.—Paula Anthony was getting nervous. Come Monday, she realized, she might just find herself legally married to a total stranger.

Thinking it was too bizarre to be true, she entered a contest in which radio station WMXB would pick the names of two strangers out of a hat, marry them on the spot - on Valentine's Day - then whisk them off to Las Vegas for a five-night honeymoon.

"I thought the whole thing originally was a mock ceremony," she said. "And all of a sudden the words 'legally binding' came into it, and I was like, gulp."

She need not worry anymore. If she wins the trip to Las Vegas, it still will be with a stranger but no other strings attached.

The station this week decided to dump the marriage part of the contest after realizing it couldn't get around a problem that had legal liability written all over it: what if one party wanted to stay married, and the other did not?

The station already had lined up a magistrate, worked out prenuptial agreements and even made sure an annulment could be arranged if the two parties decided they didn't want to stay together till death did they part.

Henrico County, where the ceremony would have taken place, has no waiting period and doesn't require a blood test for marriage licenses.

"What we didn't consider is if one was alone ... and didn't want a divorce," said the station's pro-

gram director and morning host, who gave his name only as Bender.

The drawing will continue for the few dozen or so people who qualified for it, but the prize now is just a trip to Las Vegas, accompanied by a radio station chaperone. The nuptials are strictly optional.

Before WMXB canceled the marriage portion, 25 women and 13 men had qualified for the drawing, all volunteers. There was no screening, and the only qualification for entry was to be over 21 years old and be caller No. 10 when the time came.

Unlike Anthony, most presumably understood the station was serious.

"It was mostly women in their late 30s saying, 'I'll give it a shot,'" Bender said.

Bender says he's not giving up.

"Everybody had separate rooms in Vegas, and they still do," Bender said. "It's just the detail of the marital bliss we're leaving out. But don't count us out for next year."

Earlier this month, a German radio station pulled off a similar promotion. The station, 94.3 r.s. 2 der Superstation, arranged a contest to find the most compatible and most popular couple with listeners. The winners were whittled down from a list of 500 applicants, and the winning couple did not meet until the day of the wedding, Feb. 1 in Las Vegas, where the station flew them for the ceremony and honeymoon.

Happy Valentine's Day from
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WEIRD THINGS DON'T ALWAYS HAPPEN IN THE U.S.



Philippines

Jaywalkers given odd punishment

MANILA — Traffic officials in a traffic-congested Philippine city have come up with an embarrassing punishment for jaywalkers: making them sing the national anthem in public.

Officials began carrying out the unique punishment in Kalookan city last Friday, when they caught about 150 jaywalkers in a traffic-prone commercial district, traffic enforcer Genalyn Cabido said Tuesday.

A city ordinance either requires jaywalkers to sing or pay a 50-peso (\$1.25) fine. Many opt to sing because they don't have money for the fine, she said.

"There are many hard-headed ones who don't follow the rules," said Cabido as she herded several jaywalkers into line on a sidewalk for an impromptu rendition.

Most of the jaywalkers bowed their heads and one covered her face with a red notebook as they sang. Some apparently did not know the lyrics and mumbled just the lines they are familiar with.

Scissors in hand, local man sets out to rid paper of errors

The Associated Press

CARLSBAD, N.M.—Every day for the last eight years, except Mondays, Steve Offner has engaged in a ritual of sorts at the end of his couch next to an end table.

Six mornings a week around 5:45 a.m., Offner arms himself with a large glass of chocolate Ovaltine, a pair of scissors, a plain white envelope, a pen to write the day's date and the *Current-Argus* newspaper.

What is he doing? He's on a mission to rid his personal newspaper of grammatical errors and obvious misspellings. Once these mistakes are out of sight and out of mind, Offner goes about his day.

For reasons even he can't explain, these blunders appear larger than the normal newsprint and jump off the page at him. They somehow tunnel his vision and block his concentration until he cuts them away.

"First, I scan the paper to see what looks interesting to read," Offner said. "Somehow when I'm reading, the spelling and grammar errors tend to jump out at me."

This obsession of sorts began one day in 1991 as he prepared to read his favorite columnist Mike Royko. That day, the misspelling of Royko's name as "Royco" jumped off the page at him.

To Offner, that was the most "obvious blatant error." As far as he's

concerned, misspelling a name is the ultimate spelling crime. That put him over the edge.

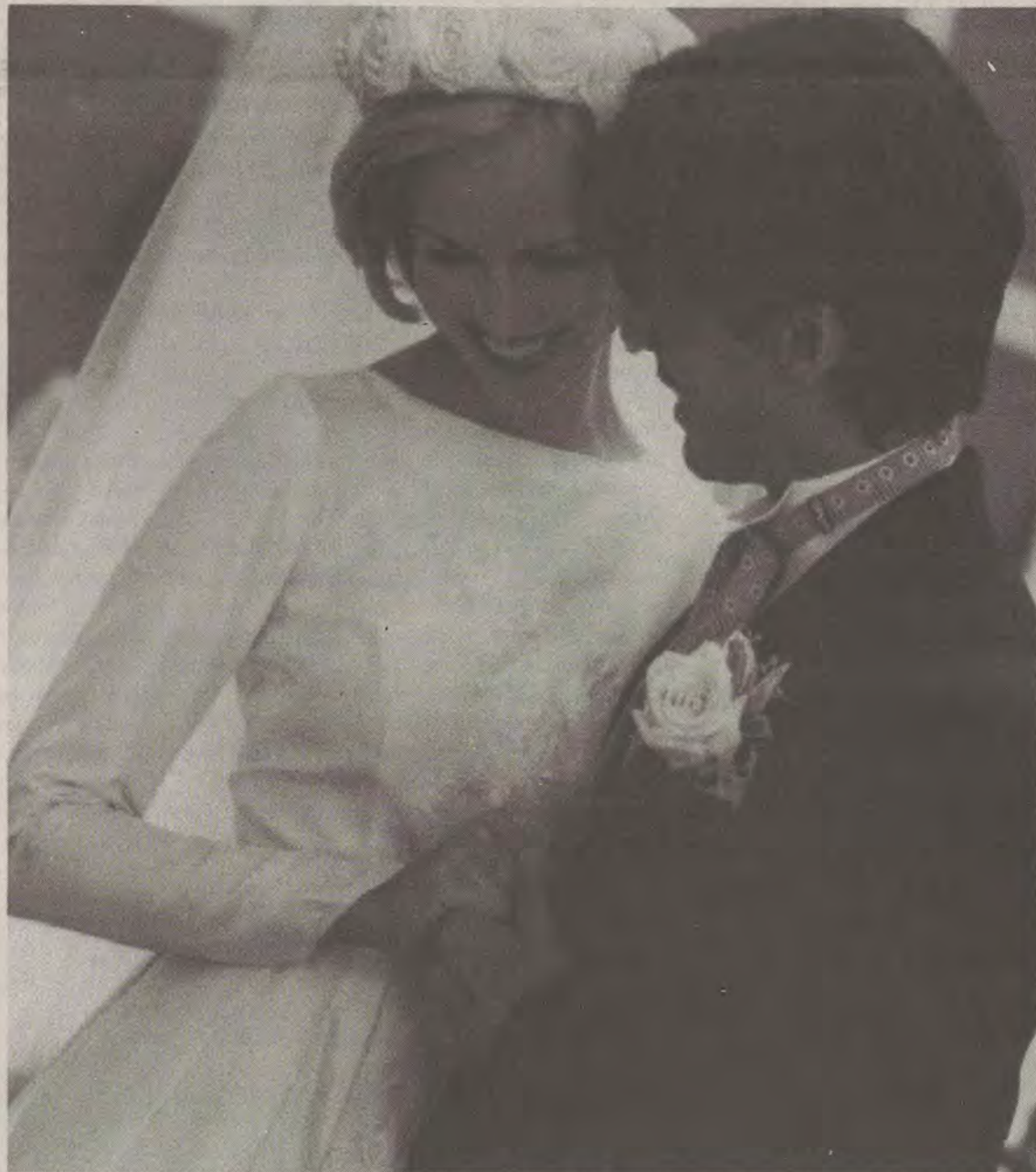
"A short time later, I started scanning the paper every day for mistakes and a few weeks later I started cutting them out," Offner said.

He said he's given a great deal of thought as to why he continues to do this and has even contemplated stopping. However, his morning ritual is now so ingrained that it's part of his daily routine - like combing his hair and brushing his teeth.

The real work begins during the first half of January, when Offner dedicates the better part of one day to compiling and arranging headline bloopers as chronologically as possible to be framed. Once everything is in place, Offner, 46, pastes them onto a board.

Then he photocopies the "Year in Review" headline from January's regular feature of the year's notable news. That's used as the board's centerpiece with Offner's signature. When the presentation is complete, he gives it to the current publisher and managing editor of the *Current-Argus*.

Publisher Sammy Lopez greeted Offner with a smile and thanked him for his efforts. In show of appreciation, Lopez presented Offner with a little magnifying glass from a Cracker Jack box so he could find smaller errors, Offner said with a smile.



What to wear when you're planning on safe sex.

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President Grube: Give us a break!

The Faculty Senate has decided, by a vote of 19-14, not to reinstate the fall break into the 2000-2001 academic calendar. The question we are left asking is: Why?

Our Opinion

The fall break was a stunning success last year, allowing students to catch up on overwhelming class loads and take a break from the fast-paced world of academia. Instead of going from Labor Day to Thanksgiving with only weekends off, the students were given a small respite from the stress of pursuing a college degree.

Faculty members, not just students, seem to be generally in favor of the fall break as well. Citing improved class work, some

faculty senators are quoted as saying they found their students more responsive after taking some time off.

Informal polls taken by SGA and the faculty senators within their own departments revealed that the vast majority of students and faculty are in favor of a fall break.

While we understand the need for administrators to make tough decisions for us, we believe this issue is one that should be decided by the masses and not just President Grube and the members of the faculty senate. We aren't talking about a popularity poll here, we're talking about improving student performance in the classroom, ensuring that the students and faculty don't get burned out and keeping in place a policy that was heralded as a huge success just last year.

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What kind of relationship shoes do you wear?

• Are you waiting for your shoes to stretch out and fit so they will be comfortable? • Or do you get a new pair of shoes when you realize that the pair you have doesn't fit?

It really amazes me how clever children can be at times. Have you ever had a child offer you a piece of advice or a tidbit of knowledge that leaves you at a loss for words, leaves you pondering at how such a small and inexperienced being could fathom such truth and insight?

LAURA DAVIS

Well, I have but only once that I can recall, or rather I should say only once that was special enough to never forget. My encounter

with this child prodigy (actually the term does not describe him in general, but he was for a brief moment) too place this past summer shortly after my wedding.

I was in the car with my sister and her two children, and I was a blabbering mess, going on and on about some petty little problem I was having with my new husband.

My sister was patiently listening and attempting to calm me with her advice which I was not taking heed of nor was I planning to.

Why do we seek advice from people in times of desperation but never actually accept or follow it? I think we all know what we want to do in a certain situation, but if our desire is a little extreme or abnormal, we just want someone to help us justify that desire, and if they are unwilling to do so, then we move on to someone who will or to someone who is easier to convince that our decision is the right one.

So anyway I was rambling on, as I am doing now, to my sister about my new marriage and the problems we were facing and not even paying any mind whatsoever to my two nephews in the backseat. They are just kids, right?

They were absorbed in their own little thoughts, not listening to my adult problems, and even if they were they could not possibly understand. Or so I thought.

In a time of silence, a brief pause on my part, Patrick, the eldest of the two, leaned his chubby, freckled and glassed face towards the front seat and looked at me with this serious expression on his face, and he so matter-of-factly stated: "You know, Laura, marriage is like a new pair of shoes. When I first got these shoes," he lifted his leg to show me the object of comparison, "they hurt my feet real bad, but now they don't hurt anymore because I have worn them so much."

My sister and I just stared at each other in amazement, and then we started to laugh, and my laughter suddenly became confused with tears. I was so touched by this

child, an eight-year-old boy suffering from ADD, the son of a single, working-all-the-time mother and of an irresponsible, wandering father, and he was giving me advice about my marriage, telling me through his simile to not give up, to just walk a little more down the road, and I will see that life is easier, more comfortable like his old pair of sneakers.

The awe of Patrick's contemplation lies in the fact that he did not gather it from experience, for his life is constantly becoming more and more difficult as he grows older, but rather he gathered it from his anticipation of a better life to come; he has hope still, though in his situation I would probably feel cheated and would possess little hope if any.

But I think Patrick is right in a way. The more we deal or work with a new situation, a new person, or a new pair of shoes, the more comfortable those things become, and then one day we find it almost impossible to discard that old pair of sneakers because they are the best damn shoes in the closet.

And this analogy would be perfectly acceptable if only I could ignore the stark reality that old sneakers eventually become infested with holes and dirt and broken shoe strings and then are no longer capable of doing their job, and I do not even like sneakers that much, and I always look back to my old shoes in bewilderment at how I could have bought such a pitiful excuse for a shoe — UGH! I actually wore those?

My God! Why didn't someone tell me those shoes were that bad? My friends actually let me walk around with those things on my feet?

And let's face it — we all eventually have to buy a new pair of shoes, but hey, I guess this actually does describe marriage these days, huh?

So for all of those with plans to marry, I give you a question: Are you ready to adjust to a new pair of shoes, or do you kinda like the ones you are wearing now?

As for me, I'm walking a little easier each day. I just hope my new shoes last forever.

My fellow columnist has hit upon a great analogy when she says that relationships are like shoes that have to be "broken in" before they really get comfortable. Most people will buy into that wholeheartedly. Something inside me, though, says no. Not that I don't like the analogy, because I do. Relationships are like shoes — I just don't know that I want those particular shoes.

I was a teenager when I got married, and I put on some shoes I had never worn before and really knew nothing about. In them sight unseen, and now I had to wear them for the rest of my life. Yeah, I know, you're thinking, "Hey Dumbo — why did you decide to put those shoes on in the first place?" At nineteen you don't always think about such details, at least I didn't. Anyway, they were mine now, and so I wore those shoes — every day, every week, for years and years.

But what do you do when your shoes never get comfortable? I think I put on a pair of "relationship shoes" that simply didn't fit, and I tried for years to make them fit and feel comfortable. I stuffed them with whatever I thought would work — like commitment, loyalty, hard work, integrity, etc. — only to find that those things just didn't fill up the missing space. So I just kept flopping around in those shoes that didn't fit.

Then I thought that maybe I was looking for the wrong things to fill them, so I turned to outward things that I could do to make them fit better — like music, literature, writing, graduate school, teaching, etc. — but after several years of all that, I found that I was still flopping around in shoes that didn't fit.

Then I hit upon the ultimate solution: I needed another person to fill that space. No, I wasn't thinking about an affair or divorce — I was thinking about a child. So I got one and began to devote myself to that child — getting her dressed every morning, off to nursery school, doctor appointments, grocery shopping, playground duty, circuses, Disney movies, etc.

And that went on for years, and was very fulfilling in many ways, but it never filled that missing space in those

shoes.

So I just kept flopping around until one day I took a good look at those shoes and realized they were never going to fit me because I couldn't put into them the one ingredient necessary to make them fit — love for my mate. I had tried to make them fit by using everything I could find and think of but the one thing necessary and that I simply couldn't seem to generate — it had always been missing in the relationship, and then I realized that no matter what I did for the rest of my life, I could never make those shoes fit right because of that missing ingredient.

So I took them off one day and decided never to wear those shoes again, which was really frightening because they had been my shoes for so many years, and I wasn't sure I would even know how to walk again without those floppy shoes going everywhere with me.

But I found that I could walk without them. No, I don't like being barefoot either, and that is where I am now and have been for some time, so some might say, and maybe they are right, and my colleague may be right, that over time floppy shoes may feel OK after all, and old shoes and worn shoes and even that don't fit well enough might be better than having no shoes at all, and maybe we should never expect to have shoes that don't require wearing in and getting worn because that is how they become comfortable and fit our situations in a way that we deserve, and to think that they shouldn't be that way is to look for something that simply doesn't exist.

Maybe. Maybe when I took those shoes off and decided not to wear them anymore I was dooming myself to being barefoot the rest of my life, because maybe those were the shoes I was destined to wear, whether they fit right or not.

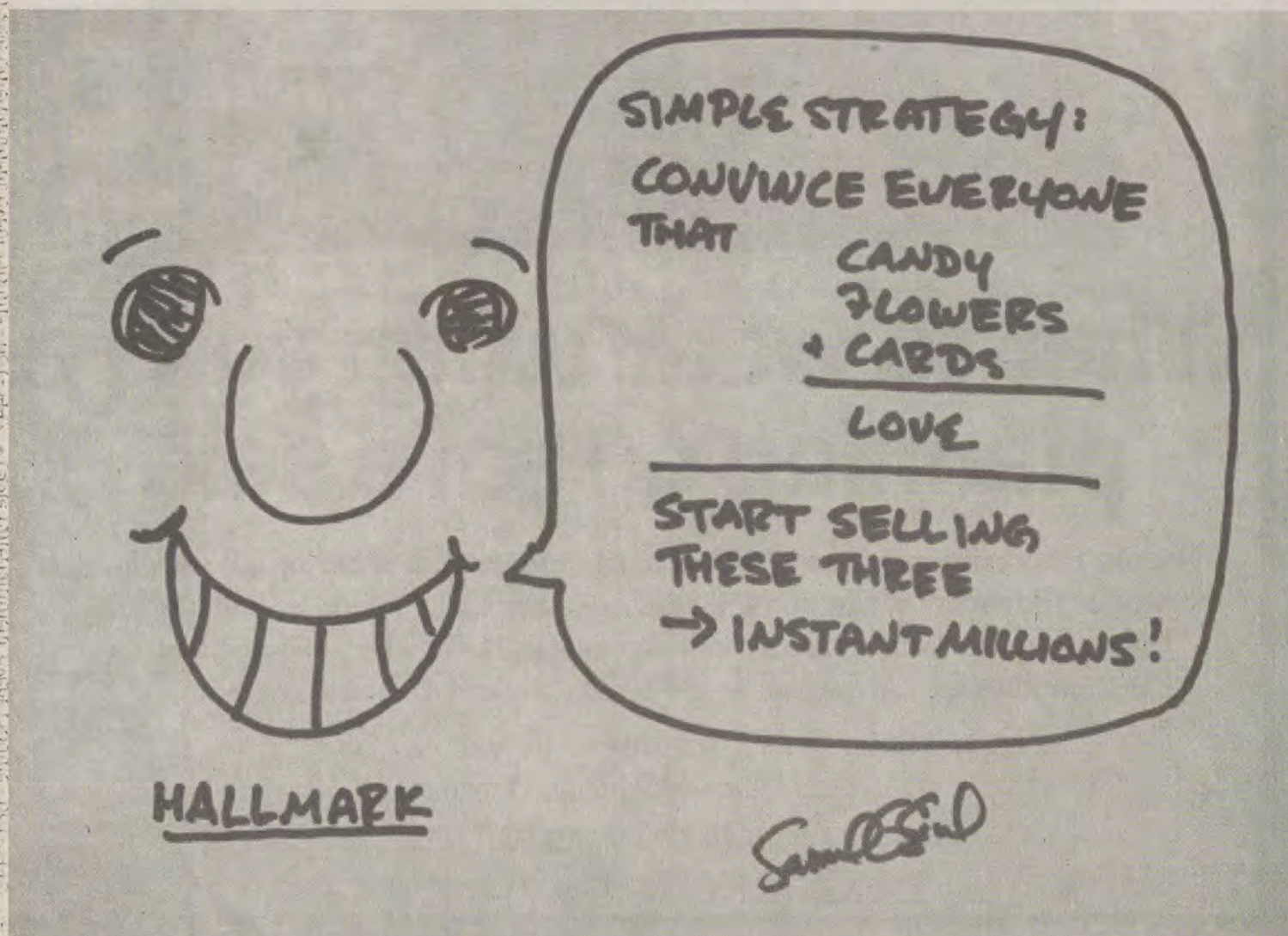
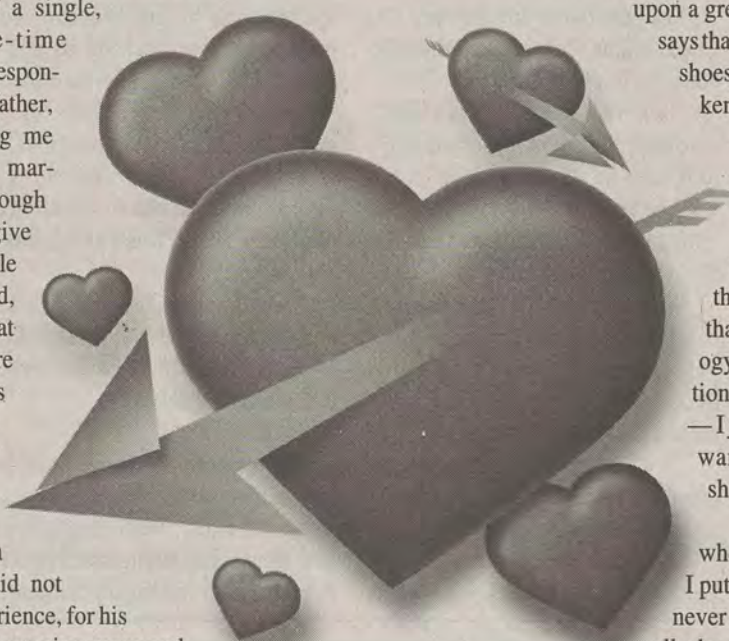
Maybe it was my fault to begin with for being dumb enough to put on shoes that didn't fit. And who am I to say that I should have shoes that fit anyway? But for some reason I do say that, and I can't, or maybe I just don't want to, admit that I blew it and threw away the only "relationship shoes" I will ever wear. But somehow I can't accept that either.

So if relationships are like shoes, then call me a hopeless romantic, classify me with Cinderella if you like, but I want a shoe that's just right for me, one that no matter how much I wear it or how long, it will never wear out, it will always look like new. I want a shoe that I will never grow tired of. Damn it — I want a shoe that fits.

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Company sues to get out of 'Millionaire' contract 'Peanuts' creator Schulz dies at 77

The Associated Press

NEW YORK -- The company that insures ABC's hit game show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," is suing to get out of its contract because it claims the questions are too easy and they're at risk of paying out too much prize money.

ABC says viewers shouldn't worry about the legal fight; they're planning no changes to the show.

The London-based insurance underwriters Goshawk Syndicate filed suit in Britain's High Court of Justice on Jan. 24 against Buena Vista Entertainment, Inc., the show's producers, to end its contract.

In essence, Goshawk said it needed assurances that "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" would ask harder questions and select dumber contestants.

"Millionaire" has been the television sensation of the year, frequently pulling in 30 million viewers a night and propelling ABC to the top of the ratings. Host Regis Philbin's question "Is that your final answer?" has become a national catchphrase.

Other television networks have quickly tried to imitate "Millionaire," to mixed success.

Under its contract, Goshawk is required to pay out prize money to contestants who win \$500,000 or more on the show. There's a deductible of \$1.5 million before Goshawk is required to pay and a ceiling of \$5 million.

That means, for example, Goshawk would only be required to pay prizes to five winners of \$1 million.

Reached in London on Thursday, a spokeswoman for Goshawk refused to comment.

"Unquestionably, the integrity of the show is above reproach and nobody is claiming otherwise," ABC spokeswoman Julie Hoover said. "This is simply a dispute in which the company providing insurance is trying to get out of coverage on the basis of a conversation it had with a broker."

Two "Millionaire" contestants, an Internal Revenue Service agent from Connecticut and a Miami attorney, correctly answered 15 questions and won \$1 million. By

contrast, no player on the original British version of the game show has ever won the big prize.

Through 51 shows, there have also been three \$500,000 winners.

"Millionaire" has given out a total of \$9,314,000 in prize money since it has been on the air, according to ABC.

The multiple-choice questions are frequently easy in the early rounds. One contestant was asked which condiment is also known as a Latin dance, correctly choosing salsa over the other options: mustard, mayonnaise and relish.

They get harder as the stakes grow higher. The first million-dollar winner won by correctly identifying the U.S. president to appear on the television show, "Laugh-In" (Richard Nixon). The second had to know the distance between the Earth and the sun (93 million miles).

Simply getting on the show can actually be harder than winning big money: it requires potential contestants to successfully navigate a three-tier elimination process where they are judged on speed and accuracy.

In the lawsuit, Goshawk said it needed "significant changes in the level of control" to "reduce the unacceptable level of losses." Specifically, the syndicate asked for changes in the method of contestant selection and the degree of difficulty of the questions.

Since no changes were made since it first asked for them in late December, Goshawk said that "substantial losses under the insurance are expected."

Hoover was not sure what the next step in the case would be.

Even if the show's producers were to lose the insurance, it wasn't likely to affect ABC's commitment to the series. It now airs three nights a week, and gives ABC bragging rights as the No. 1 network with the substantial advertising revenue that comes with it.

In fact, ABC announced on Thursday that it was airing three more special editions of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" during the February ratings "sweeps."

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO -- "Peanuts" creator Charles M. Schulz died on Saturday, turning his farewell note in Sunday papers into an epitaph for both a comic strip and its creator.

Schulz was 77, and died in his sleep at about 9:45 p.m. at his home in Santa Rosa, said his son, Craig Schulz.

He was diagnosed with colon cancer and suffered a series of small strokes during emergency abdominal surgery in November 1999, and announced his retirement a few weeks afterward.

His wildly popular "Peanuts" made its debut on Oct. 2, 1950. The travails of the "little round-headed kid" and his pals eventually ran in more than 2,600 newspapers, reaching millions of readers in 75 countries.

His last strip, appearing in Feb. 13 Sunday editions, showed Snoopy at his typewriter and other Peanuts regulars along with a "Dear Friends" letter thanking his readers for their support.

"I have been grateful over the years for the loyalty of our editors and the wonderful support and love expressed to



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of "Peanuts" was its constancy.

The long-suffering Charlie Brown still faced misfortune with a mild, "Good grief!" Tart-tongued Lucy still handed out advice at a nickel a pop, a joke that started as a parody of a lemonade stand. And Snoopy, Charlie Brown's wise-but-weird beagle, still took the occasional flight of fancy back to the skies of World War I and his rivalry with the Red Baron.

Schulz was born in St. Paul, Minn., on Nov. 26, 1922, and studied art after he saw a "Do you like to draw?" ad.

"Peanuts," had remained an intensely personal effort throughout Schulz's life. He had had a clause in his con-

tract dictating the strip had to end with his death. While battling cancer, he opted to retire it right then, saying he wanted to focus on his health and family without the worry of a daily deadline.

"Why do musicians compose symphonies and poets write poems?" he once said. "They do it because life wouldn't have any meaning for them if they didn't. That's why I draw cartoons. It's my life."

Over the years, the Peanuts gang became a part of American popular culture, delivering gentle humor spiked with a child's-eye view of human foibles. One of the most endearing qualities

me by fans of the comic strip," Schulz wrote.

"Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy ... how can I ever forget them ..."

It ended with his signature.

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GSU baseball's home opener spoiled by ninth ranked Georgia Tech

By Edmund Coley
Staff Writer

GSU's opener was spoiled this weekend by Georgia Tech as they lost 15-3 last Saturday afternoon and 7-6 yesterday.

The Eagles committed six errors in the Sunday match-up to fall one run shy of the ninth ranked Yellow Jackets (2-0).

"If we play our best [defensively], we win," said first year head coach Rodney Hennon. "Not taking anything from Tech, ...but when make six errors, you don't deserve to win."

In a tie ballgame, the Eagles, (0-2), surrendered three go-ahead runs to Georgia Tech in the top of the ninth inning to make the score 7-4.

Junior Dustin Langley's shot off Jacket pitcher Andy Mitchell brought in Matt Easterday, while freshman Brendan Gilligan batted in Scott Henley who doubled earlier to bring GSU to within one run of Georgia Tech.

"I was proud," said Hennon. "I thought they battled and really competed...but we can't be satisfied."

Junior Bill Stewart pitched four and 2/3 innings giving up four runs, in which only two were earned, to receive a no-decision in his first start of the season.

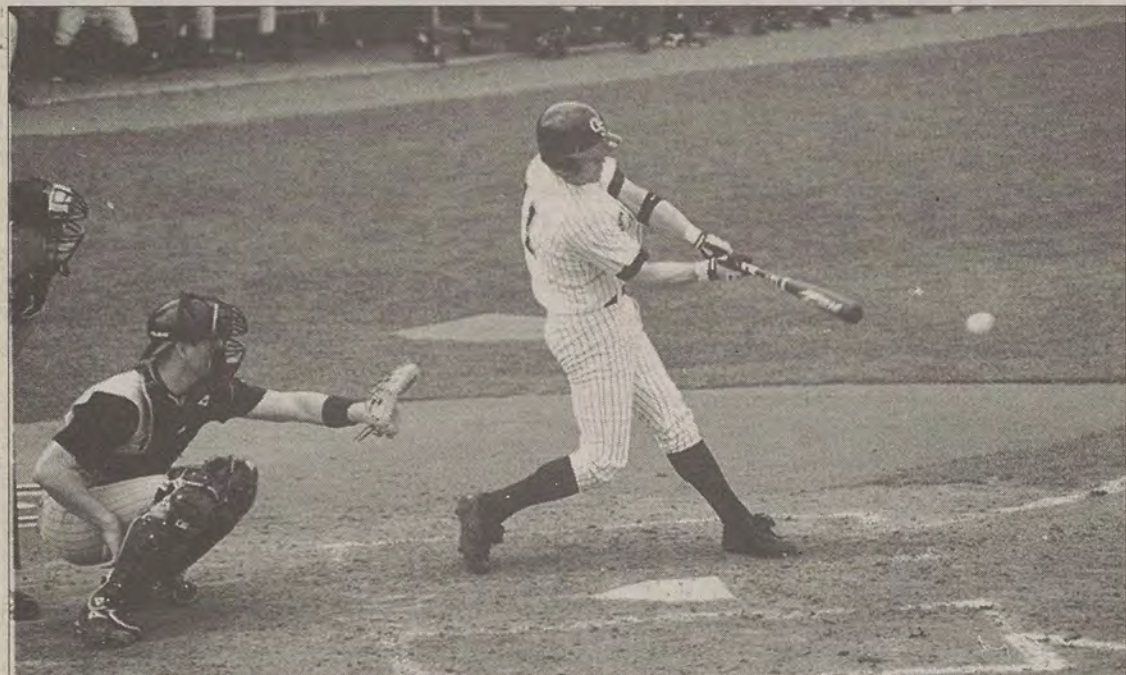
Senior Phillip Roland, who came in relief of Stewart, retired 10 of his last 12 batters before giving up the three runs in the top of the ninth to collect the loss for GSU.

Tech's relief pitcher Kevin Cameron got his first win of the year while Andy Mitchell recorded his first save.

"We pitched well today," said Hennon about Sunday's loss. "Bill (Stewart) pitched out of some jams early [in the game]."

Eagle freshman Carlos Love began his season on a good note going 2 for 2 in his first two at-bats of the young season, singling on Saturday and hitting a double yesterday.

The Eagles will travel to Jacksonville, Fla. for a one game series on Wednesday before they come home to play Bethune-Cookman in a weekend series on Feb. 19 and 20.



Luke Renfro

MAKING CONTACT: Despite a solid performance on Sunday, GSU lost a close game to the Yellow Jackets 7-6. On Saturday GSU lost 15-3 against the ninth best team in the nation.

Softball loses four straight over weekend

By Ryan Hemenway
Staff Writer

The GSU softball team headed into the weekend with high expectations but came away with heartbreak. The Eagle softball team's 12 game home winning streak came to an end in the home opener for the 2000 season, suffering a 7-1 loss to in-state rival Georgia Tech in nine innings.

GSU scored early in the opener as sophomore Kelly Blazi put GSU on the board with a double off Tech starter Jamie Smith to score junior Shannon Hoobin to give GSU a 1-0 lead in the second inning. The Lady Jackets struck back to tie the game in the sixth, and neither team could push across a run in the seventh. The Eagles headed to extra innings for the second time this season, having previously defeated FAMU 6-4 in 11 innings. However, this time GSU would not be as fortunate, as Tech rallied to score six runs in the top of the ninth to defeat the Eagles 7-1. Short-stop Kelly Blazi had a tremendous game, going 3 for 3 including a double and a walk, as well as GSU's lone RBI.

In the second game of the double-header, Georgia Tech began right where it left off in the end of game one, scoring three runs in the first inning. GSU responded with one run in the bottom of the first on a RBI single by senior Jaclyn Kaylor. The Eagles trailed 7-3 going into the bottom of the sixth before sophomore Stacie Cooper's bases-loaded double to center cleared the bases to close the gap to 7-6. A sacrifice fly by Kaylor scored Cooper to square the



Luke Renfro

SOLID ON THE MOUND: Lady Eagle pitchers held their own over the weekend as many of Georgia Tech's and Jax St.'s runs were unearned.

game at seven apiece. However, the Eagles were not done, an RBI single by junior Lacey Kammerer gave GSU its first lead of the day at 8-7. Unfortunately for the Eagles, the lead would prove to be short lived as Tech responded with three runs in the top of the seventh to give the Lady Jackets the final margin of victory, 10-8.

On Sunday, the GSU softball team played host to Jacksonville State hoping for better luck than Saturday. In the first game, in a repeat of Saturday's initial contest against Georgia Tech, seven innings weren't enough to decide the ballgame. In a pitcher's duel, junior Kacey Kammerer battled JSU's Jill Wilcoxson for seven scoreless innings. In the eighth, JSU's Allie Simmons reached to start the inning on a walk and was bunted to second by Christine Tucker. Then, the Eagles struggled with defense, as a passed ball and an error helped JSU to a 1-0 lead.

However, in the bottom of the eighth, JSU had their own defensive lapses. Senior McCaine Lowder singled to open the inning, but was then erased on a fielder's choice by freshman Julie Peel. Sophomore Stacie Cooper's single move Peel into scoring position, then a throwing error by JSU shortstop Julie Boland off a Shannon Hoobin grounder allowed the Eagles to tie the game at 1-1.

The Gamecocks and the Eagles

battled for five more scoreless innings, until the 14th when the defense failed the Eagles once again. JSU's Meghan Maskel reached on a GSU error and, after a fielder's choice, moved Maskel to second, a fielding error by GSU allowed the go-ahead run to move to third base. However, Maskel was thrown out at home on a fielder's choice by Christine Tucker. But that would not prove to be enough for GSU, as Toni Duncan singled home what would prove to be the winning run as GSU could not muster a rally in the bottom of the 14th.

For the Eagles, sophomore Stacie Cooper led the team with three hits along with senior Jennifer Harris, who had two doubles. Junior Lacey Kammerer pitched eight innings with no earned and senior Jennifer Miller pitched six innings in relief, taking the loss, but not allowing an earned run.

GSU will return home next weekend against the Georgia on Saturday and against Georgia State on Sunday. Game time for both contests is 1:00 p.m.

In a much shorter second game, GSU lost 5-4 after rallying from a 5-2 deficit to cut the lead to one in the sixth inning. But that was as close as they would get, as GSU left a pair of runners on in the seventh inning that could have won the game. Aimee Littlejohn took the loss for GSU after allowing three earned runs off eight hits in seven innings of work.

Lady Eagles fall to ETSU, 91-78

By Edmund Coley
Staff Writer

The Lady Eagles (8-15), (7-7) fall back into a tie for fifth place along side Appalachian State with a loss to the Lady Buccaneers of East Tennessee State, 91-78, last Saturday night.

ETSU's (10-11), (8-6) Erin Thurman went 6 for 6 from beyond the arc as she and teammate Erica Babb led all scores with 18 points.

GSU senior Tondra Warren recorded her third double-double of the season, posting 15 points and 12 rebounds in a losing effort.

"It's frustrating," said head coach Rusty Cram. "One day we show up to play..., then the next day we don't. We knew exactly what they were going to do and what we needed to do to stop them...I didn't think we played a

very smart basketball game to-night."

Again, the Eagles put several players in double-digits, as junior Amy Krach tied Warren with 15 points, senior Nikita Whatley scored 12 while sophomore Danna Simpson had 10 points.

At times, the Lady Eagles defense seemed to be in disarray, leaving ETSU shooters Thurman, Chris Foreman, and Leslie Burleson open for good looks at the basket from the three-point line.

"We have been looking for other people to step up," said senior Tondra Warren. "Tonight we weren't mentally there."

Danna Simpson's two points with just under three minutes to play brought the Eagles within eight points of the Lady Bucs, 86-78, before getting pulled away from.

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Falcons acquire Ambrose, Jefferson

The Associated Press

SUWANEE, Ga. — Ashley Ambrose wanted to come to the Atlanta Falcons last year, but things didn't work out. On Saturday, he finally got his wish.

The former New Orleans cornerback signed a five-year contract with the Falcons, reuniting him with good friend Ray Buchanan and vastly improving Atlanta's secondary.

The Falcons, making their biggest impact in free agency since Dan Reeves was hired as coach in 1997, also were expected to sign receiver Shawn Jefferson later in the day. He merely had to pass a physical to seal the deal.

With Ambrose and Jefferson, the Falcons addressed two of their biggest needs after a 5-11 season. But they also left themselves with virtually no room under the salary cap except for draft picks, meaning defensive ends Chuck Smith and Lester Archambeau will likely be playing elsewhere in 2000.

The Falcons were determined to upgrade their secondary playing in the NFC West along with the Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams, who routed Atlanta by a combined score of 76-20 in two meetings last year.

The 29-year-old Ambrose, who had six interceptions in his lone season with the Saints, giving him 24 for his eight-year career, will team with Buchanan to give the Falcons a pair of former Pro Bowl cornerbacks.

"We want to be known as the best damn tandem in the league," said Ambrose, who has been close friends with Buchanan since they played together in Indianapolis.

Buchanan tried to convince Ambrose to sign with the Falcons last year, but the team didn't have enough cap room to work out the deal. This year, the money was there, and Ambrose became available when the Saints voided the second year of his contract and decided not to designate him a franchise player.

"I guess it was meant to be," said

Ambrose, wearing a Falcons cap and accompanied by his wife, Monica.

"I'm glad that now I can officially do the Dirty Bird," she said. Neither the Falcons nor Ambrose's agent, Kennard McGuire, would reveal the terms of the deal. CBS Sportsline reported it was \$22.5 million with a \$7.5 million signing bonus, which would equal the team's largest signing bonus ever. Running back Jamal Anderson for the same money after a training camp holdout last year.

"The priority as far as we were concerned was defensive corner," Reeves said. "If we were going to address the situation, we had to be aggressive with it."

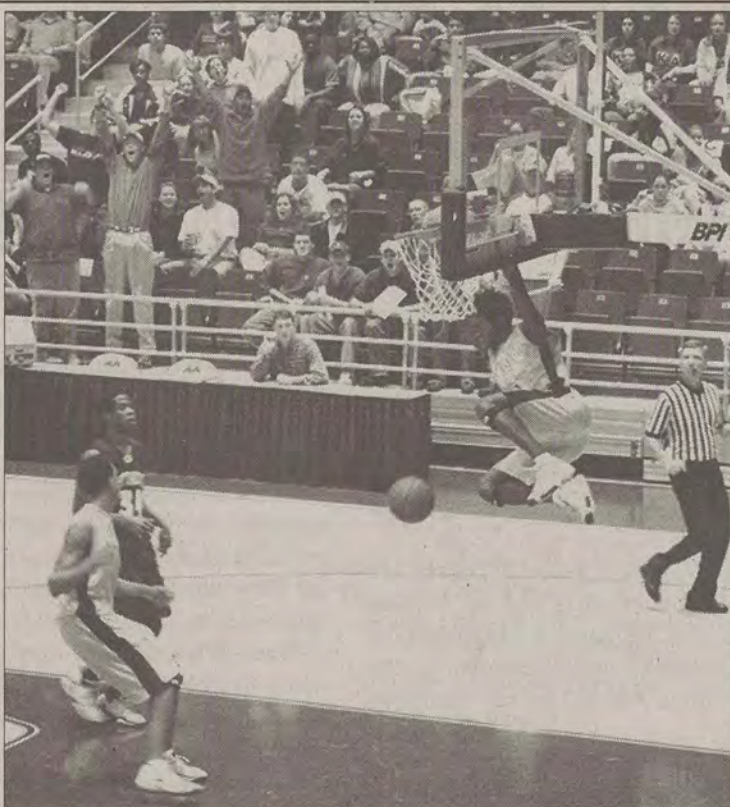
Ambrose arrived in Atlanta on Friday and the deal was completed within a matter of hours. "With the offer this ballclub presented, I couldn't leave from here," he said.

The signing of Ambrose allows the Falcons to move Ronnie Bradford from corner to free safety, his more natural position. Eugene Robinson, who started at free safety the last two years, is contemplating retirement and probably won't return to Atlanta even if he decides to play another season.

Defensive coordinator Rich Brooks looks forward to having two cornerbacks who can play solid man-to-man coverage. The Falcons should be able to do more blitzing, and Buchanan won't have to run all over the field in an attempt to match up with the other team's best receiver.

"This allows us to play more straight up," Brooks said. "It makes it simpler for the secondary and the entire defense."

Jefferson spent the last four seasons with the New England Patriots, catching 40 passes for 698 yards (17.5-yard average) and six touchdowns a year ago. The 30-year-old receiver reportedly agreed to a four-year, \$14.2 million deal with a \$4.5 million signing bonus.



JUST HANGIN' AROUND: Julius Jenkins, seen here at the UTC game, did not play on Saturday. Leading the way was sophomore Kashien Latham with 19 points and 7 rebounds. The Eagles' record improved to 14-9 and 8-4 in SoCon play.

Latham leads Eagles to 58-52 victory

G-A News Services

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Kashien Latham scored 19 points and pulled down seven rebounds to lead GSU to a 58-52 win over The Citadel in Southern Conference men's basketball action on Saturday night.

The Eagles improve to 14-9 overall and 8-4 in league play while the Bulldogs fall to 8-16 overall and 4-7 in the conference.

The Citadel trimmed a nine-point Eagle lead down to three at 49-46 with 3:42 remaining on a lay-up by Clyde Wormley, but GSU responded with two straight buckets for a 53-46 advantage at the 2:44 mark. The Citadel would get no closer than three points the rest of the way and the Eagles made five-of-six free throws over the final 22 seconds to preserve the win.

GSU held The Citadel to 38.0 percent shooting including two-of-19 shooting from three-point range.

Latham connected on seven-of-13 field goals and all five of his free throws on the night. Demarlo Slocum chipped in 13 points while Donta Humphries registered nine points, nine assists and four steals.

For The Citadel, Mike Roy and Romas Krywonis each scored team-leading 11 points while Cliff Washburn contributed a game-high 11 rebounds. Wormley and Michael Joseph cam off the bench for eight and seven points, respectively.

GSU will stay in South Carolina for a contest tonight against the College of Charleston. The game pits the top two teams from the SoCon's South Division, with the Cougars holding a two-game edge in the standings.

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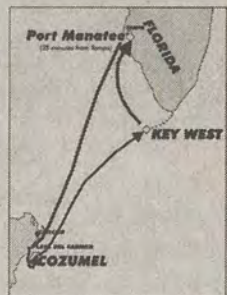
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The Truth about Valentine's Day

By Zane Thomas
Staff Writer

Well, it's Valentine's Day once again. As you sit and read this article, someone you love and care about has probably given you some roses or candy or even a stuffed little teddy bear with a heart on it. It's the one time of the year in which you're allowed to express your feelings to someone else, even if you're always afraid of expressing some PDA.

But how did this holiday get started? Was it just a conspiracy by Hallmark and Hersey's to help boost sales between Christmas and Easter? No way. Valentine's Day has been celebrated for centuries.

Actually, Valentine's Day started out as a Christian holiday, but then it was called the Feast of St. Valentine. But who is this St. Valentine and why do we celebrate him? Well, because he was a Christian martyr.

Around 270 AD., Christians were being persecuted by the Romans for their beliefs. Valentine was a priest who was performing Christian marriages and was arrested and thrown in prison. While in prison, he met a guard who had a blind daughter who needed help. A miracle.

Valentine prayed, and the girl gained her sight. After that event, the guard and his whole family were baptized. It wasn't just the guard, his wife, and his 2 1/2 kids. No, it was 46 people. His entire family. When the Romans heard of this, they beheaded Valentine. And that's how the holiday came about.

Valentine died for his beliefs and his love for his fellow Christians. That's what the holiday is all about. Loving someone so greatly that you're willing to die for them. It's a scripture from the Bible. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13).

It rather explains why some Valentine hearts

have arrows through them. No, Steve Martin had nothing to do with it. It's about dying for those you love. It's also connected to Cupid. Yes, the Roman god of love. Talk about irony. Celebrating a Christian holiday with a virtuous pagan god as its mascot. Pardon the pun, but Holy Snikeys!

Yes, Valentine's day is about love and death. Just ask Al Capone.

Remember the Valentine's Day Massacre? If you haven't heard about it, here it goes. Back in 1929 in Chicago, four of Capone's gang members, dressed as cops, trapped seven members of a rival gang headed by "Bugs" Moran, near a warehouse.

The gangster made them place their hands up on the wall. Moran's gang members just thought they were getting harassed by the cops. Unfortunately, they weren't. Capone's men gunned them down, shooting them in the back, but Moran's men didn't get a holi-

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day in their remembrance.

Now, a lot of people out there hate Valentine's Day just as much as other people like it. It takes different strokes to rule the world. But here's a little fact that not a lot of people are familiar with. Back in Victorian times, people sent Valentines to people they loved and hated. Many people got a lot of poisoned-pen Valentines, full of insults, nastiness, and mean humor. You won't find any of those at Hallmark and no chance of seeing little heart candy with BITE ME or DROP DEAD on them.

But despite the bloodshed and loathing associated with Valentine's Day, it is still considered a holiday celebrated with love. Love of your parents, friends, and significant others.

Forget about the whole commercialism associated with Valentine's Day and just focus on the spirit of Valentine's Day.

By Bryant Smalley
Special Assignments Editor

Tuesday, February 15 starts Outweek 2000 at GSU. On the opening day, a discussion will be held in Russell Union 2041 at 7 pm entitled "Presentation of Self." The discussion will focus on the assumptions we make about a person's sexual orientation. Many other programs will follow during the week long event sponsored by the Triangle Club of GSU.

"Outweek is a celebration of gay and lesbian history and culture, as well as a time of support for those who are dealing with coming out of the closet," Chad Carter, president of Triangle, said. "While the focus of the panel discussions is on gay and lesbian issues, the discussions are not just for gays and lesbians," Carter said. "The panels should offer insight to anyone willing to come with an open mind."

Triangle is also in the process of planning the annual Miss Southern Collegiate drag pageant. Any questions about Outweek or the Triangle Club can be directed to Carter at gsutriangle@hotmail.com.

Outweek 2000:

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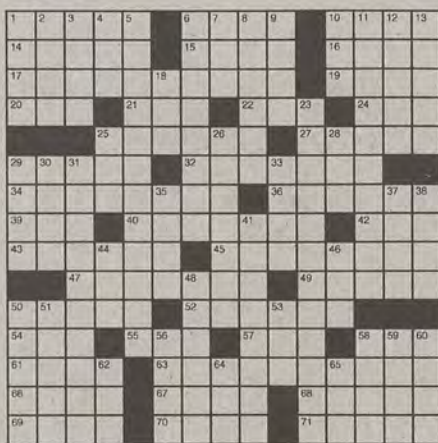
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Baby, always remember our theme.

Fran

John,

It's been almost five years that we've been together, and I love you even more now than ever before. Our love grows stronger.

Love,

Your Boo

Sonba,

You are the love of my life, and I will cherish you always. These simple words cannot express the love I have for you.

Jennifer

Danny,

I don't know what my life would be like without you. I love you with all my heart. We are forever. Happy Valentine's Day.

Jennifer

David J.,

You are my best friend in the whole world, and I love you with all my heart. Happy Valentine's Day! I miss you.

Love,

Chas

Mike,

I LOVE YOU! Thank you for everything you've given me. My heart and soul belong to you. Always remember—forever and a day!

Elizabeth

Ryan,

You and I belong together like peanut butter and jelly, and I love you with all my heart.

Love,

Your Sprinkles XOXOXO

Steven Todd,

I have watched you from across the room in class and I have fallen in love with you. Please be mine!

Your secret admirer

Cameron,

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Buttercup

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Sincerely,

Miss Peggy

Craig,

You're everything to me—Someone I can lean on, believe in and definitely spend the rest of my life with. I love you Boo!

Sonyette "Peaches"

Happy Valentine's Day Danna (#10)! Hope you're having a great day.

Go Lady Eagles and good luck in the tournaments!

Doug H.

Brandon,

Though we can't be together right now, we are together in our thoughts and memories. I miss you! Happy Valentine's Day!

Love Always,

Leondia

To the G-A Staff:

I LOVE YOU GUYS and I miss you. I'll never forget any of you. Keep up the awesome work.

Love,

Allison—your faithful Canadian friend

Ralu,

Thank you for all that you are. I love you!

Justin

Dear Beth,

I love you with all my heart. Happy Valentine's Day, baby! You are my sweet heart and my best friend!

Seven

Susan Ann,

Because of the BIG things, but especially because of the little things—I love you. Happy Valentine's Day.

Tommy Bear

Snoopy,

It doesn't take a holiday for me to know you are my soul mate, best friend and tough guy. I LOVE YOU!

Woodstock

David,

There's a place in my heart that nobody's touched before. And when I found you... I found all that I'd been searching for.

I LY,

LaVene

Amber, Ashley and Ariel,

Happy Valentine's Day! We love you.

Miss Patti, Krystle, Lindsey

Ralu,

Thank you for all that you are. I love you!

Justin

Krystle and Lidzey,

Happy Valentine's Day! I love you both. Krystle, thanks for all you do for me. I am so proud of you.

Mim

Kelly,

You are my beginning, my middle and forever. I love you more than words can say.

Love,

Josh

Kelley,

Thanks for being a wonderful friend, a great roommate and even an OK boss! I'll be forever indebted to you for giving me you-know-who!

Love ya,

Stacey

To the G-A Staff,

You guys are all great. Each of you adds a little something to the staff that is irreplaceable. Happy Valentine's Day!

S.W.

Dear Citabria,

May you wiggle, squiggle and giggle this sweet Valentine's Day.

Matt and Adam

Dear Abbie,

I'm scared of piranhas! Please don't bite me.

Love with roses,

Matt

Avy,

You are so special to me, there is no one else better. I hope you and I will be together forever.

Dennard

To Sarah and John—my favorite Valentine couple.

Best wishes for a love-filled day.

You mom

Baby,

From you I learned how to love. You consumed my mind, body and soul. I love you.

Your sweetheart,

N.B.

Amanda,

I love you and I know it is forever. You are my best friend, my soul and my inspiration!

Jim

Dear Babydoll,

I love you lots and lots. Have a great and loving Valentine's Day.

Your Sugar Britches

To Shaquita,

My queen, thanks for inspiring me to be the best I can be.

Love Always,

Reggie

Adrian,

I'm still waiting to have a candlelight dinner with you and give you a sponge bath. Contact me ASAP. Happy Valentine's Day, baby!

Love,

"LASHAY"

To the G-A Staff:

I love you guys more than you will ever realize. You all have bright futures ahead, and I am proud of you.

Love,

Chief

Mike,

You know what you are to me. Words seem useless when trying to use them to express your worth. I love you.

It's Your Love,

Kel

S.W.,

You will always be my best bud, no matter who else is in our lives. You are the best and will always be.

K.M.

LaVene,

I just wanted to tell you that I love you!

David

To Quanda,

May our love burn.

Roland

My girls on third floor of Olliff, I love you! Thanks for all the memories so far. I can't wait to share more together.

Jessica (J.J.)

Tomy Diabla,

Thank you for showing me how to love and how to be loved. You are always in my heart.

Love,

Your Bear

KRS-1,

You're the most beautiful woman to grace the planet for me. Your feet never touch the ground. May I love you forever.

Guess who

SWES,

This message is to let you know you are loved. No one can replace you when you aren't there!

Yours always,

Brian

Babydoll,

Sugar Britches love is eternal. Love is kind. I chose to wake up next to you till death do us part.

I LY,

Joy

Hallie,

You are the sunshine of my life. Thank you for being that special person that I love and cannot live without. Happy Valentine's Day!

Love,

Adam

Rat,

I just want to say thank you for loving me for me. Thank you for being there every day. I love you very much.

Inan

Ashley,

The months we've spent together seem like seconds, but looking into your eyes will leave me lost for a lifetime. I love you.

Brian

Karen,

Benny Valentine.

Love you,

Hark

Snuggles,

I thank God for you every day. You're more special than you'll ever realize. I pray our love continues to grow for eternity.

Thumper

Dimples,

I love you more than you'll ever know. I'm loving every minute I spend with you and getting to know you. Happy anniversary. Sweetie!

Twinkles

Jason,

Love knows no boundaries as hearts beat as one. Our lives have just started, our song has just begun. Let me love you always.

Marlena

B,

Thank you for the perfect Valentine's Day date. It was wonderful watching the stars with you.

T

Lyndsy,

We have had a perfect 6 months! Let's make it 6 more! I wuv you bunches!

Happy Valentine's Day! 1/3/64

Brandie,

I love you more and more each coming day. I wish you could see the love I have for you. It's beyond words.

Duncan

Morgen,

Days pass by, years grow long. But I still feel our love grows strong. I love you for what you are, my love.

J.B.

Reginald,

I love you with all my heart. You are truly a blessing and I appreciate you for everything you do. I love you Baby!

Shaquita

Sweetie,

You have touched my life, heart, mind, body and soul with the essence of your love. Heaven truly is on Earth.

Eternally yours,

"Cleo"

To the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta and the men of Phi Beta Sigma. I love ya'll.

Ta-Tankia

Hey Baby,

Three years down, life to go! I love you forever! Happy V-Day Melissa!

Tad!

Scott,

I think you know how much I love you. Thank you for being you and for loving me. Happy Valentine's Day!

All my love,

Stacey

Trent,

You are one of the sweetest guys at GSU. Good luck finding someone worthy of you. Thanks for everything. You are the best.

Amity

Zac V.,

I will always love you, baby!

XXXXOOO

Jessica,

I want to thank you for everything you've done. I have something to look forward to and someone to laugh, cry and love with.

Love,

Nick

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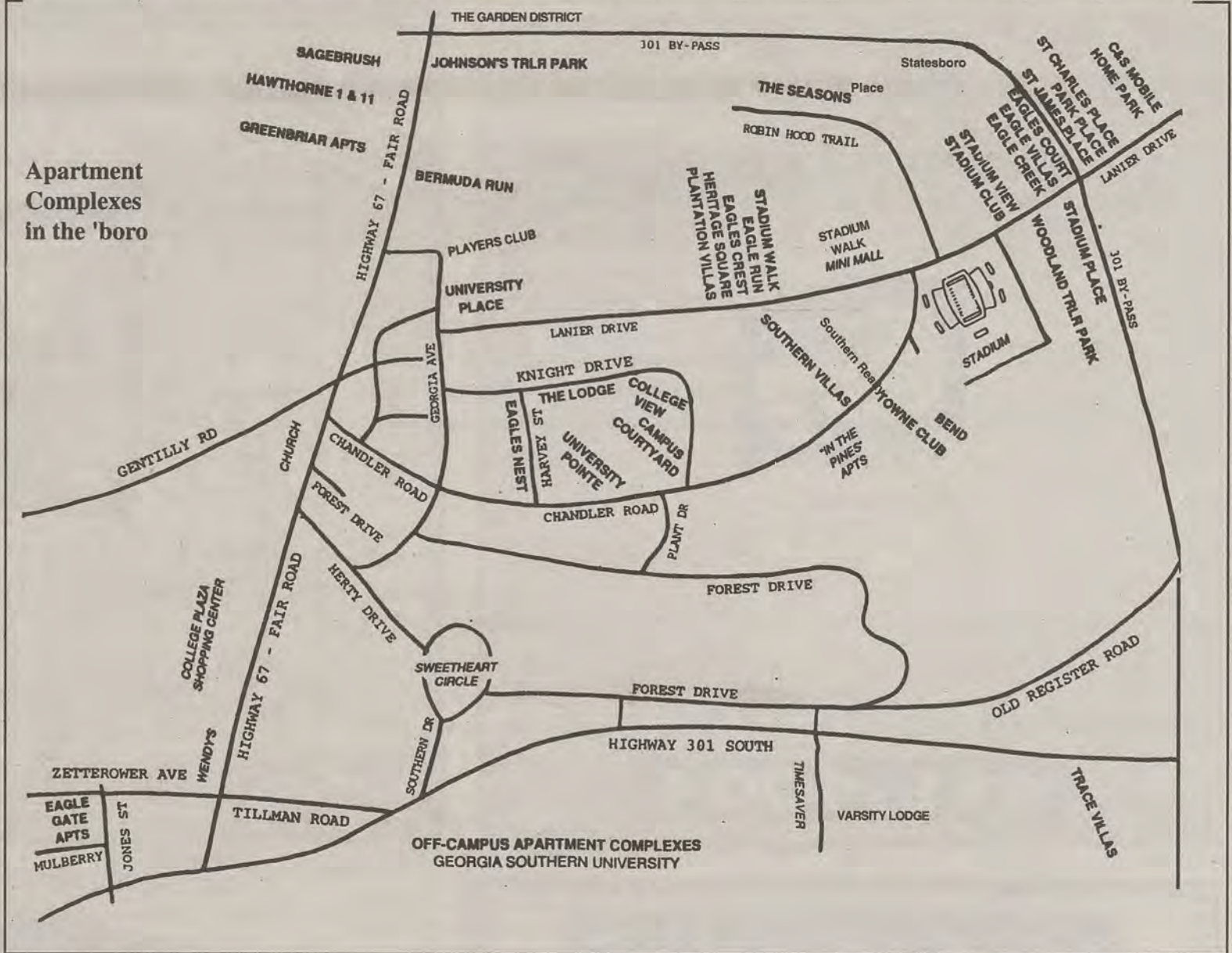
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Apartment Complexes in the 'boro



Housing Guide

Office of Off-campus Programs

The Off-campus Programs office is here to meet the needs of the approximately 11,000 Georgia Southern students living off-campus. The office provides lists of vacant rental properties in Statesboro, a roommate matching service, properties available for sublease, and maintains the off-campus housing page on the world wide web. If you want to access the off-

campus web pages, go to: <http://www.gasou.edu>, click on Student Affairs and Student Life, and press the off-campus housing button. You will find available property listings and descriptions as well as the names of the persons to contact.

The Off-campus Programs office is located in Suite 1051 of the Rosenwald Building on Sweetheart Circle. Our telephone number is 871-1435, and our e-mail address is: dcampaign@gasou.edu

Off-campus Housing Fair

The annual Off-campus Housing Fair is

held during the first two weeks of February. This one day event is your opportunity to make arrangements for off-campus housing for next fall. You will be able to meet with property managers, see floor plans, find out about features and amenities, ask questions, and reserve a place to live in the fall. Representatives from local utility companies will also be available to answer your questions.

Community Advisor Program

One of the unique student services offered at Georgia Southern is the Community Advisor

Program. A Community Advisor (CA) is an upper-level student who resides in an apartment complex and serves as a liaison between the residents of the complex, property management, and the university. The CA acts as a resource for campus activities, services, and events; builds a sense of community within the apartment complex; publishes a monthly newsletter; organizes intramural teams; and provides educational and social programs. The Community Advisor is there to help students make the transition to independent off-campus living.

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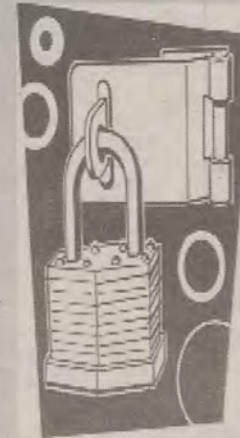
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Finding a Place to Live

The task of finding a place to live can be made easier if you know in advance what you want and what you can afford. If possible, get together with your future roommates and make some decisions and plans early. Check with the Office of Off-campus Housing for vacant property lists and *Rental Guides*. Plan to attend the Off-campus Housing Fair in early February.

- 1) Make a list of the things you are looking for in an apartment and take it with you on your search.

A) Rent - How much can you realistically afford to pay? Be sure to include utilities, food, and school expenses in your estimates.

- B) Location - how close to campus do you want to be? How will you get to class?

- C) Laundry facilities, club house, swimming pool, social and recreational amenities - will you use them? You may pay a little more for them.

- D) Landlord's policies - for example, waterbeds or pets.

- 2) Timing - The best time to find a place is in the spring for next fall.

You may be required to pay a non-refundable reservation deposit to hold the apartment. If you are not certain that you will be coming back in the fall, you may want to wait until you know you are returning to campus and look for a place about 15-30 days before the fall term begins.

- A) Ask to see the same apartment that you will be leasing; the model will look very nice - often better than the actual units. If the apartment is still under construction, be aware of the risk of move-in delays.

- B) Go in the apartment and take a

careful look around. Check things like water pressure, appliances, lights, bathrooms, as well as closet and storage space.

- C) Check for safety/security features. For example, check for adequate lighting in the parking lot and on the exterior of the building, a security system or guards, dead bolt locks, peep holes with 180 degree view, smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers.

- D) Talk to present tenants in the building or complex. Find out their experiences. Ask if they plan to renew their lease. At worst, you might make a friend.

- E) Most apartments are not furnished; if yours is - find out what is included and have it written into the lease.

REMINDER - This is a business arrangement - for both the landlord and you - both sides have the right to say "no deal" and walk away. BEFORE you sign the lease.

Utilities

Most apartments provide trash receptacles and trash removal. Many provide water and sewerage. This does not include the energy to heat the water.

Local utility facts:**Electricity:**

- A) Georgia Power. 305 S. Main St. 912/489-3671.

You may telephone to turn on service. There is a one-time charge of \$18.00 to establish an account. Deposit based on credit history.

- B) Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation. 402 Northside Drive West. 912/764-2123.

If you will be living outside the city limits, call Excelsior Electric for service. Ask your property manager for the name of your electrical utility company.

Water:

City of Statesboro Utilities. 50 E. Main St. 912/764-5468.

A \$35.00 deposit and \$10.00

SAMPLE DOCUMENTS**Notice of forwarding address and return of security deposit**

Date:

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Dear _____:

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Sincerely,

Your name Date

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Landlord Date

Release Agreement

This agreement is between (*tenant's name*) of (*street address, city, state, ZIP*) and (*Landlord's name*) of (*street address, city state, ZIP*).

initial service fee are required. You may telephone for service connection using Visa or MasterCard only. Take your driver's license and a copy of your lease when you go in person to have your service connected.

Natural Gas:

City of Statesboro Utilities. 50 E. Main St. 912/764-5468.

Go to the same location as water service. A \$50.00 deposit is required.

Telephone:

Frontier Communications. 912/764-9131.

You must call to turn on service, there is no walk-in office. Allow plenty of lead time for hook-up. A hook-up fee of \$16.00 is required. You may call from 8:00am to 10:00pm Monday through Saturday. You will need to know your Social Security Number and apartment address when you call. You will select your own long distance service. Consider a long distance plan which requires a password so only you can use it.

Cable Television:

Northland Cable Television. 32 E. Vine St. 912/489-8715.

A connection fee is required. Payment is in advance. You must go to the office in person to sign up for cable television service.

Renter's Insurance:

Your belongings as a tenant are not protected from fire, theft, or water damage under the owner's insurance. Check to see if you are covered under your parents' homeowners policy. If not, you may purchase renter's insurance yourself for as little as \$5.00 per month.

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The rent you pay will vary with the type of housing, the ownership, amenities, and distance from campus. These figures are 2000 estimates for information only.

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2 Bedroom - \$225-\$330/person/month.

1 Bedroom - \$300-\$375/month.

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Be A Good Tenant

- 1) Pay your rent on time. If you can't, contact the landlord to explain the circumstances and give the date you expect to pay. You will most likely be assessed a late fee.
- 2) Treat the property like your own home.
- 3) Obey apartment rules. Do not disturb your neighbors.
- 4) Keep good records of all transactions and requests between you and the landlord. It is a good practice to keep a "renter's log" of all activities for your unit: who paid utility bills and when, canceled checks, records of when the rent was paid, and anything else that applies to you, your roommates, and your rental unit. The renter's log can be anything from a shoebox to a three ring binder. The impor-

ROOMMATE AGREEMENT

Now that you each have learned all this new information about one another, let's put it to good use! This agreement allows you to decide on mutually acceptable terms for several living arrangements.

As roommates we have discussed all issues listed below and have agreed upon these guidelines:

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STUDY TIME: (Designate specific hours for each of you daily, what conditions must exist, TV on, radio etc., will visitors be allowed during these hours, etc.) _____

PHONE USAGE: (What hours are "too late" for the phone to ring, when should conversations take place in the hallway, etc.) _____

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS: (List all items to be mutually shared and all items that are personal and not to be used by each other) _____

SMOKING: (Give consideration to both yourselves and guests) _____

HOUSEKEEPING: (List what will be done daily, what will be shared and individual responsibilities) _____

COMMUNICATION: (How will you communicate with one another if there is a problem) _____

We have openly discussed all issues at this point, and, the listed guidelines are agreed upon _____ (Date)

(Signature) _____

(Signature) _____

tant thing is to keep good records.

- 5) Let the landlord know when something needs to be repaired. Put it in writing, keep a copy, and hand-deliver it to the landlord or mail it by certified mail.
- 6) Get to know your neighbors. They could become your friends or be a good resource in maintaining a safe community.
- 7) Be a good neighbor and entertain responsibly. Noise is the biggest cause for complaints in an apartment complex. Loud parties may be a reason

for eviction.

Roommates

A roommate relationship is more than just a living arrangement. Roommates can have an emotional as well as financial effect on each other's lives. It's important to choose a roommate wisely and to be a good roommate yourself.

- 1) There are state and local laws which define the tenant/landlord relationship, but there are none governing roommate re-

lationships.

- 2) You may choose your own roommates, or you may share an apartment with a roommate you don't know. In any case, it's a very good idea to ask the landlord for individual leases with individual security deposits.

REMINDER: If you sign a lease with the words, "joint and several liability" - that means you and any remaining roommates will be responsible for the entire rent if any or all of your roommates move out.

- 3) If you are looking for a room-

mate - come to Rosenwald Suite 1051, pick up a roommate form, complete the information, and return it to the office. Students who have a place to live and need another roommate will be able to find and contact you. Or, if you have an apartment and are looking for a roommate; potential roommates who need a place will be able to contact you.

REMINDER: The university does not verify the student information. It is your responsibility to inspect the property and interview potential roommates.

- 4) Roommate Agreements - It is a very good idea to sit down with your roommates as early as possible in your relationship to understand and make known each other's expectations about issues which arise in shared living.

For Example

- A) Food: Will you each do your own shopping and cooking, or share basic staples and individually buy everything else, or will everyone buy cooking and cleaning items and go shopping together?
- B) Cleaning: How often, when, who, and who pays for cleaning supplies?
- C) Privacy and quiet times: How much, when, and where?
- D) Guests: Will overnight guests be allowed? When and how often can guests visit?
- E) Smoking: Will smoking be permitted in the apartment?
- F) Parties: How often, when, how many people, and how late?
- G) Personal belongings: Will any personal things be shared - clothing, CDs, food, toothpaste, cleaning supplies?
- H) Bills: How will the utility bills be divided? In whose name are the utilities? **TIP: Each roommate should put one utility in his or her name.**
- I) Consider a roommate written agreement - available from Off-Campus Programs - 1051 Rosenwald Building or found in the sample documents section of this handbook.

Roommate Disagreements

- 1) Compromising, sticking it out, or finding a new roommate can be very disagreeable and difficult. Try to make your agreements on matters like those above before you sign a lease.
- 2) Best Advice - work it out, quickly, one-on-one with your roommate. You will be surprised to see how fast small problems can turn into big ones. Make a written roommate agreement and post it on the refrigerator.
- 3) For serious problems - those that might threaten your health or safety or deprive you of your right to use the apartment... it's still up to you.
 - A) Ask your roommate(s) to stop doing whatever is causing the problem.
 - B) Offer to work out a solution.
 - C) If that doesn't work, document the problems in your rental log. Record dates and what was said or what happened.
 - D) Write a letter to your roommate. Document the problems and what you did to resolve them. Present the letter to your roommate in person and keep a copy. Ask for an end to the unacceptable behavior. If the situation continues or worsens, you will have a record of your efforts to do something about it.
 - E) Go to the University Counseling Center and ask for mediation.
 - F) Let the landlord know about the problems. Send the landlord a letter describing the problem and request help in resolving it. If the landlord responds, you will have help. If the landlord ignores the letter, it may make it more difficult for him or her to take action against you if you are forced to move out. Again, send it by certified mail and keep a copy.
 - G) If your roommate has violated the terms of the lease, and you have documented it, you can ask the landlord,



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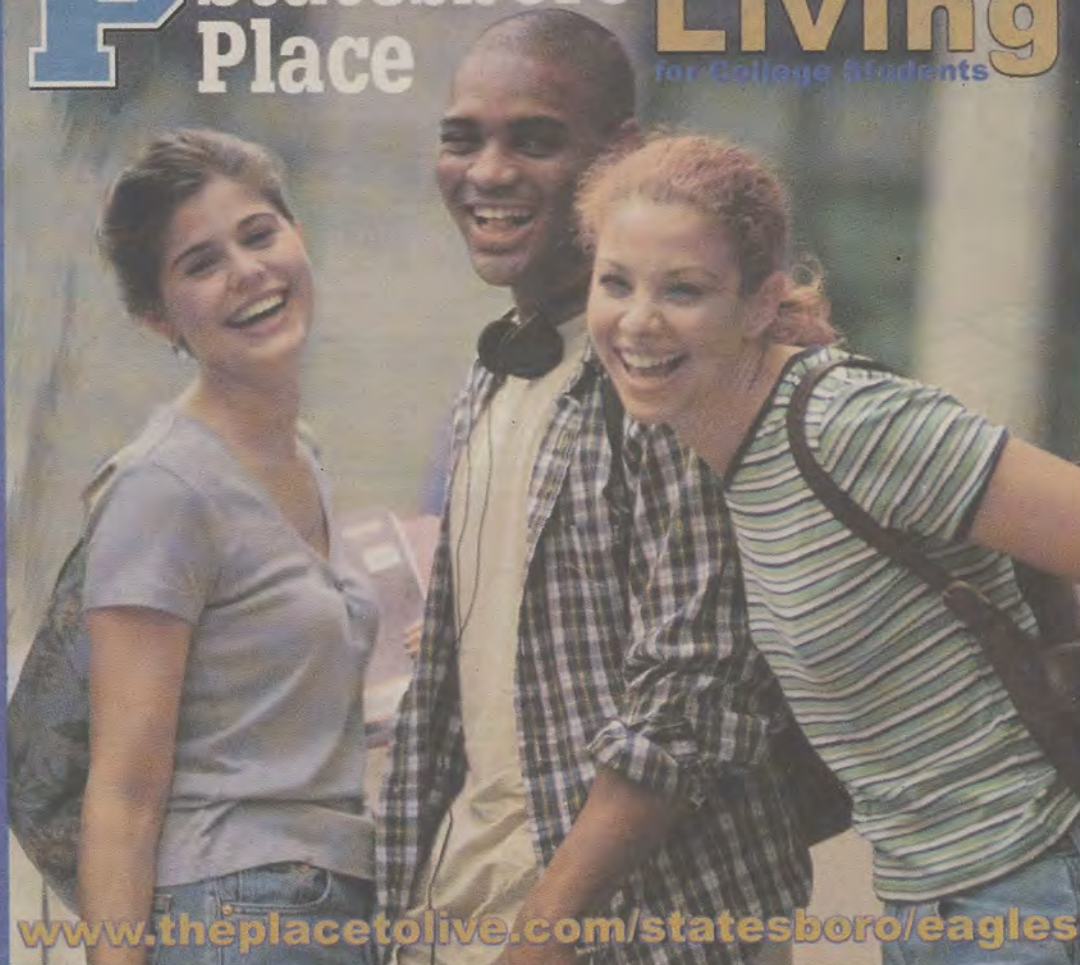
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to evict the problem roommate. There are risks involved with this approach, including the option that the landlord may evict all roommates.

H) Finally, if a roommate threatens or assaults you, or steals your belongings - Call 911. Get a police report for documentation and stay overnight with a friend.

4) Roommates who don't pay.

A) Talk to the roommate.

B) Call her or his parents, if you know them, and explain the situation.

C) Write the parents a letter stating how much is owed in rent and utilities.

D) Keep the landlord informed, as above.

Leases and Rental Agreements

1) The three most important things about a lease are:

READ THE LEASE!

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Especially the fine print

2) You are entering into a legal, binding agreement. Be familiar and comfortable with all provisions of the lease before signing it.

3) Key Elements of the Lease:

The property and address.

The time period - beginning and ending dates.

The total rent.

Monthly payments - payable in advance.

Name and address of the landlord or agent.

Deposits - amount and type, refundable or non-refundable.

4) Other lease elements:

Rules for payment of rent, behavior, damages.

Utilities - who pays for what services.

Methods of termination prior to expiration.

Signatures of all parties.

5) Ask questions; make sure you understand the terms of the

lease. Have a parent or other responsible person read it.

REMINDER: Both parties have the right to say, "no deal" prior to signing the lease.

6) Keep your copy of the lease where you are sure you can find it - in your rental log.

Landlord Rights

1) Access to the property should be spelled out in the lease. Normally the lease will specify a stated period of reasonable notice. The landlord may enter without notice only in case of an emergency unless otherwise specified in the lease.

2) Joint and several liability - this means that any one roommate can be held responsible for the actions of any or all other roommates.

A) Any or all roommates can be sued to recover the damage done by one roommate.

B) All roommates can be evicted if one roommate fails to pay the rent.

C) If one roommate moves out, the total monthly rent remains the same, and the remaining roommates are responsible for paying it.

3) Separate Leases.

A) Makes an arrangement basically the same as tenants in separate apartments in the same building.

B) The landlord may evict one roommate without evicting all of them.

C) Generally, if one roommate moves out, the landlord can fill that space without consulting the remaining roommates.

4) Miscellaneous landlord/tenant relationships.

You are expected to:

A) Keep the premises safe and sanitary.

B) Dispose of all garbage properly.

C) Use plumbing and electrical fixtures properly.

D) Do no damage to the property.

E) Pay rent when due.

F) Abide by any other provisions of the lease.

Tenant Rights

The tenant has the right to:

1) Know the name and address of the landlord or agent to whom notices are sent.

2) Have all electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning maintained in safe working order.

3) Be supplied with reasonable amounts of heat and hot water at all times, unless the heating or hot water unit is within the tenant's exclusive control and is supplied by a direct public utility connection.

4) Safe, quiet habitability.

Breaking the Lease

1) There are some legally acceptable, legitimate reasons for leaving before your lease expires. For example, the apartment has been damaged by fire, or the landlord is not in compliance with the rental agreement. It is a good idea to consult a lawyer in order to determine what type of notice you should give.

2) You should send a certified letter to the landlord giving notice that you intend to break your lease. It is wise at this point to go in and talk to your landlord. She or he may have another tenant ready to move in and will not be concerned about your leaving.

3) In other cases, the landlord may want to be compensated for the trouble of re-renting the unit. It may be easier and more pleasant to offer a portion of your security deposit in settlement of any costs incurred by your leaving before the end of the lease.

4) If you are able to negotiate an amicable lease breaking, you and the landlord should sign a written statement of release. See the sample documents section of this handbook for a copy of a release statement.

5) If you are unable to obtain a written release, place an advertisement in the campus newspaper or in the vacant property listings in the Off-Campus

Housing office offering to lease your unit for the same rent you are now paying. When people call, show them the property, but tell them that any rental agreement has to be worked out with the landlord. Ask them to contact the landlord directly about renting the unit. Keep a list of all potential tenants who appear to be suitable and express an interest in renting your unit. Write a letter to the landlord with a copy of your list of potential replacement tenants.

6) If everything else fails, sub-lease your unit if your landlord agrees. You may have to accept less than the amount of rent you are obligated for, and you will still be responsible for damages and unpaid rent if your sub-tenant fails to live up to the terms of the rental agreement. Sub-leasing should be your last resort, but may be your only choice if the supply of rental property exceeds the demand.

Security Deposits

1) Landlords usually require a security deposit at the time the lease is signed. The deposit is normally equal to one month's rent. Remember, if you sign a lease in April for September occupancy, you must submit a reservation deposit, or, possibly, a security deposit at the time the lease is signed. A security deposit is not the same as the last month's rent and usually may not be applied to rent due under the lease terms. Security deposits are normally refundable, however, either in full or in part depending on the condition of your unit at move-out.

2) In some leases, there will be a cleaning deposit in addition to the security deposit. It is to your benefit to know if the cleaning deposit is refundable or non-refundable. If it is non-refundable, it must be stated as such in the lease. If it does not say, "refundable" or "non-refundable", ask for clarification in writing as part of the lease agreement.

Inspections

1) Move-in inspection. Many apartment complexes have pre-printed inspection forms; some do not. In any case, it is recommended that you and the landlord walk through the rental unit before you move in. Write down any damage or problems you see on a sheet of paper, and both you and the landlord should sign and date it. Your unit should be clean when you move in. If it isn't, ask the landlord to have it cleaned or make an adjustment in your first month's rent to offset the cost of cleaning it.

2) Move-out inspection. After you have moved your belongings out and cleaned the unit, you and the landlord should again walk through the property and inspect for any damage for which you are responsible, or any additional cleaning which the landlord wants you to perform. Write these items down on a sheet of paper and have a copy of the move-in inspection report with you to ascertain that you are responsible for any damage found. At this point you may be able to rectify a disagreement which could cause you to lose a portion of your security deposit. If you and the landlord agree on the damage and cleaning items, both of you should sign the list, and indicate which items you will be permitted to clean or repair before turning the premises back over to the landlord. At the time you return the keys to the landlord, give him or her your forwarding address where the security deposit can be mailed (see sample documents section of this handbook), and keep a copy of your move-in and move-out inspections.

Get involved at GSU!

The Division of Student Affairs provides opportunities for all students to get involved in campus organizations and activities. Here are a few examples — there are many more ways to get

involved.

Campus Recreation and Intramurals

The leisure-time activities that Campus Recreation and Intramurals (CRI) provides for students positively affect their mental and physical well-being. CRI enhances personal fitness levels, reduces stress, and develops interpersonal relationships among teammates and competitors. Taking advantage of CRI's services is easy. All you need is your GSU ID card. No experience is required to participate. All CRI employees are trained to assist students in gaining the maximum benefits from recreational activities. Each quarter CRI produces a pocket calendar with

facility hours, trips, intramural sports, and other pertinent information. Pocket calendars may be obtained from any CRI facility or the CRI office, located upstairs in the Recreation and Activities Center (RAC).

Career Services

The Office of Career Services assists students from all academic areas in entering the professional employment market. In addition to the highly visible on-campus recruiting program that attracts well over 100 employers from Georgia and throughout the southeast, Career Services offers a wide variety of programs and resources to equip students for a successful job search. Professional staff are available to advise students and lead workshops on such topics as preparing a resume, effective interviewing techniques, and general job search strategies. Special career days attended by

Student Interest Form

Please print all information requested and return this form to the Office of Campus Outreach Programs. PO Box 8063, Rosenwald Building room 1051.

Name _____ PO
BOX _____

Student ID # _____ Tele-
phone _____

Please check all activities in which you are interested and would like information.

CRI _____ Greek Life _____ Multicultural Programs _____
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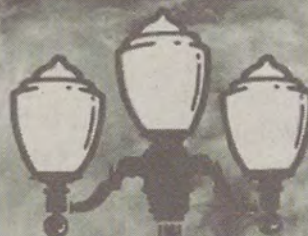
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Office of Multicultural Programs

The Office of Multicultural Programs (OMCP) was established in January 1994 and is visible evidence of Georgia Southern University's recognition that diversity has a significant role in our society. Georgia Southern is a diverse community composed of individuals and groups from various racial, ethnic, and cultural identities. The OMCP is committed to educating the GSU community about issues pertaining to diversity. As GSU approaches the 21st Century, it finds itself becoming an increasingly multicultural community of students, faculty,

and staff representing all 50 states, 70 different countries, and a wide variety of ethnic and religious groups. The OMCP sponsors Black Awareness Month, Women's Awareness Week, Diversity Week, and Religious Diversity Week. The OMCP is located in the Rosenwald Building, Room 2034.

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Office of Volunteer Service

The Office of Volunteer Service at Georgia Southern offers students excellent opportunities for career exploration through hands-on professional level experience while addressing existing social issues and community needs. Interaction with campus and community programs allows students to focus awareness on the benefits of voluntarism. Volunteer service promotes the concept of service learning, provides networking, and resume-building through personal action. The office is located in Rosenwald 1051. Phone 871-1435.

Checklist for Smart Tenants

You will want to get your questions answered **before** you sign your lease. Here are some possible questions to ask the property manager or current residents.

LEASE

- ☐ How much is the rent per month? What day of the month is the rent due? What day is it late? Do weekends and university holidays count? Is there a late charge if you pay your rent after the due date? What is it? How is it calculated?
- ☐ Can the rent be increased any time during the lease?
- ☐ What is the term or length of the lease?
- ☐ How much advance notice must you give if you wish to renew your lease?
- ☐ What are the requirements for a full refund of your security deposit?
- ☐ Is subleasing permitted? Under what conditions?
- ☐ Who pays for water and sewer? Trash removal?
- ☐ Who do you call for repairs or emergencies?
- ☐ Is there a non-refundable cleaning or maintenance fee? How much is it?
- ☐ Are pets allowed? If so, is there a pet deposit? How much is it? Is it refundable?
- ☐ Does the property offer individual leases?
- ☐ Are there rules and regulations for residents in the lease?

SECURITY

- ☐ Does the building have a security system?
- ☐ Is there a security patrol? 24 hours? At night? On weekends?
- ☐ Does the complex have adequate outdoor lighting?
- ☐ Does the front door have a dead bolt lock? A peephole?
- ☐ What happens if you lose your key? Is there a charge for making a new one?
- ☐ Is there a working smoke alarm? A fire extinguisher?
- ☐ Are your street address and apartment number clearly marked?
- ☐ Is a fire exit plan posted conspicuously? Do doors and windows open easily?

FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES

- ☐ Are the kitchen appliances clean and in good working condition?
- ☐ Is the air-conditioning and heating system in good working condition?
- ☐ Are the carpet and walls clean?
- ☐ Do all the bathroom fixtures work? Toilet, faucets, sink, tub, shower?
- ☐ Is there adequate water pressure?
- ☐ Do the windows lock? Are there window screens?
- ☐ Is there a working doorbell?

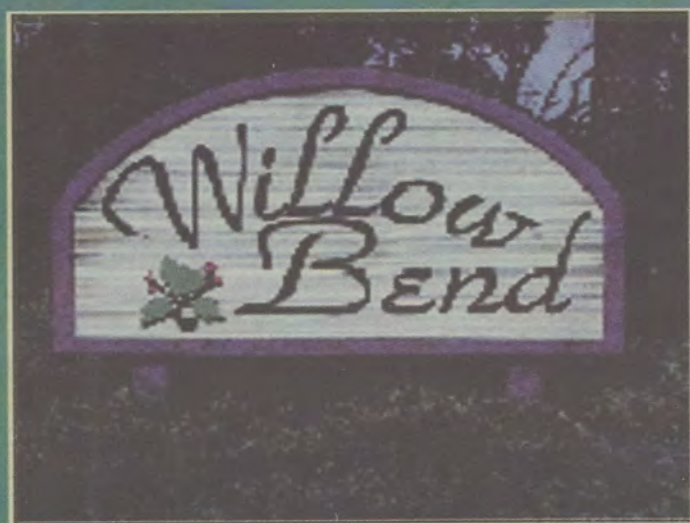
AMENITIES

- ☐ Will the apartment be big enough for all the tenants?
- ☐ Is there adequate closet space?
- ☐ Are there ceiling fans? Do they work?
- ☐ How far are grocery and convenience from the apartment?
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